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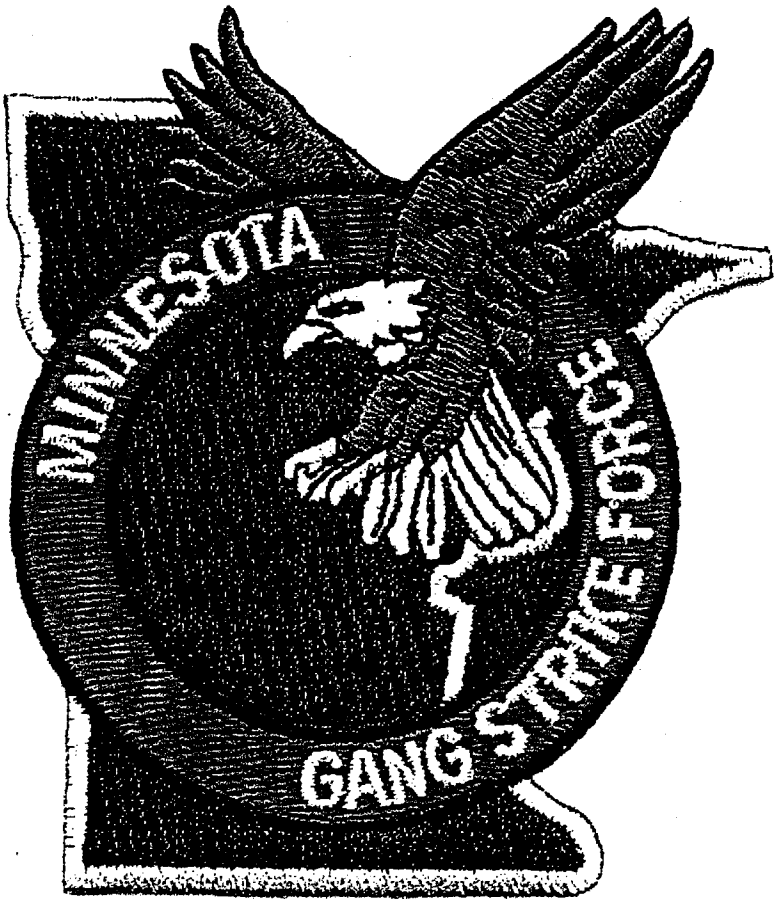

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MINNESOTA GANG STRIKE FORCE

Office of Ron Ryan - Statewide Commander

January, 2002

To the Criminal Gang Oversight Council,

In accordance with the by-laws for the Oversight Council, I, as the Statewide Commander, am directed to report to you on a monthly basis and also directed to produce a yearly report on the operations and status of the Minnesota Gang Strike Force (MGSF). Please accept this report as my summary of our accomplishments for the year 2001.

As a manager, the year 2001 has been both challenging and also very rewarding. Budget cuts and the events of September 11th have caused some of our local contributing agencies to reduce the number of officers they have assigned, either temporarily or permanently, to our anti-gang program, that of prosecuting gang members who are engaged in "criminal activity" in the state of Minnesota. These events, however, have not deterred the Minnesota Gang Strike Force from having one of our most productive years during our four years of existence.

This past summer, the MGSF was recognized nationally when we received the Frederic Milton Thrasher Award while attending a gang training conference in Chicago that was sponsored by the National Gang Crime Research Center. This award was established in 1992 and is given yearly to recognize outstanding leadership and programs involving public safety initiatives directed at gangs.

In June, Washington County Deputy Thomas Stafford, who had been assigned as an investigator at the Metro region of the MGSF, was named Police Officer of the Year by the 7,000 member Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association during their annual convention.

Deputy Stafford, whose area of expertise is Hmong gangs, was recognized for his work in helping solve two homicides involving Asian gangs. One was a murder for hire committed in St. Paul and the other was a homicide committed in Minneapolis where a group of gang members killed a member of a rival gang.

Then in November, The St. Paul City Council passed a resolution honoring members of the MGSF and prosecutors from the Minnesota Attorney General's Office for "the skill, determination and dedication" they demonstrated in the arrest and prosecution of three local "Rolling 90's Crip" gang members who were responsible for the brutal murders of two St. Paul citizens.

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In June of 2000, Juan Ramirez and Raul Gutierrez were murdered in a motel room in Austin, MN. It quickly became apparent that those involved in the murder were known gang members from St. Paul. Investigators from the MGSF recognized the descriptions and vehicle information obtained from witnesses in Austin, and arrested those involved within 36 hours of the murders.

Then in March of 2001, the three murderers escaped from the Mower County Jail after assaulting two deputies. One of those that escaped was injured after jumping from the second floor of the jail and was arrested at the scene. The other two fled and within 48 hours both men were located in Oakdale by the MGSF. The Strike Force, without incident, arrested them with the assistance of the Minnesota Fugitive Task Force and a FBI swat team.

These recognitions attest to how the MGSF continues to be extremely productive in our day to day operations, successfully fulfilling two of our defined missions; that of arresting and prosecuting gang members engaged in criminal activity and coordinating proactive, long-term investigations on targeted gang members. During 2001, investigators have conducted investigations that have resulted in 358 search warrants being executed that produced 238 firearms that were taken off the streets. These warrants also resulted in the arrests of 775 gang members statewide.

We continue to react to requests for assistance from law enforcement agencies throughout the state; our third mission. This is actually the impetus of some of the successful gang cases that have occurred this year and which will be detailed later in this report.

Our fourth mission, to provide law enforcement and prosecutors with training, has kept us very busy. Public appearances by members of the MGSF and lawyers from the Attorney General's Office have numbered 91. The speakers provided information and training to a variety of groups with over 3,500 persons in attendance. The MGSF has also reached an agreement to provide the BCA with assistance by conducting gang training in many of the classes they provide to law enforcement in the state.

I am pleased to inform you that our fifth and sixth missions; sharing gang membership information and related criminal activity with all law enforcement in the state, as well as ensuring the community be kept aware of the activities of the MGSF, has been followed to the letter. This is a high priority for us and this information will be shared with the reader in great detail in the following pages.

I will, however, share a concern of mine with you. Since September 11th, much of law enforcement's budget has been rechanneled to the fight against terrorism. As I prepare this report, I am aware the Governor has proposed a 5% budget cut to the Minnesota Gang Strike Force and our anti-gang initiatives.

Recently released Justice Department studies have indicated gangs continue to increase in the U.S. Profits from drug trafficking and new immigrant groups trying to assimilate into the country were some of the reasons given. The studies compared the phenomenon to the illegal liquor trade that fueled the Irish and Italian gang activities in New York and Chicago during prohibition.

Minnesota continues to attract gang members from all over the U.S. The influx is not just to the metro areas. The criminal activities caused by gangs are growing at an alarming rate in rural Minnesota. An interesting statistic I will share: there have been 49 gang members killed in the state since the MGSF started tracking their numbers in 1998. Of that number, 35 were born in states other then Minnesota and 38 of their deaths were ruled homicides.

This report will show that the hard-working, dedicated officers assigned to the Minnesota Gang Strike Force are successfully combating the criminal activity caused by gangs in the state. It is my fervent hope that you will assist me in assuring the Legislature this is tax money well spent and funding this initiative should be carried into future years.

We also deal in terrorism! We deal with the urban terrorists and the violence their crimes inflict on the citizens of Minnesota.

Sincerely,

Ron Ryan
Statewide Commander, MGSF

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MINNESOTA GANG STRIKE FORCE ROSTER

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MISSION OF MINNESOTA GANG STRIKE FORCE

The Minnesota Gang Strike Force was created to identify, investigate, arrest and prosecute gang members engaged in "criminal activity" in the state of Minnesota. The primary goals of the MGSF are:

1. To target for prosecution individuals who are most criminally active within a gang or who hold leadership positions. The key here is "criminal gang activity." The MGSF targets those who benefit from this gang activity, and does not target young people because of their physical appearance.
2. To coordinate proactive long-term investigations on targeted gang members.
3. To react promptly to requests for assistance from other law enforcement agencies.
4. To provide peace officers and prosecutors throughout the state of Minnesota with training on tactics and techniques for investigating and prosecuting gang crimes.
5. To obtain information and intelligence regarding gang membership and related criminal activity and share that information with other law enforcement agencies in the state.
6. To ensure that the community receives information about plans, activities and decisions of the Criminal Gang Oversight Council through regular meetings with the Indian Affairs Council, the Council on Affairs of Chicano/Latino People, the Council on Black Minnesotans and the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, and to ensure that the position of the Councils on Gang Strike Force activities is then heard by the MGSF Oversight Council.

2001 – YEAR FOUR PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

The Minnesota Gang Strike Force (MGSF) continues to be extremely productive in its fourth year of operation. The criminal activities the Strike Force has successfully investigated include gang-related homicides, aggravated assaults, drive by shootings, robberies, and criminal sexual assaults, all committed by gang members.

MGSF investigators have also been part of several successful multi-agency narcotic investigations because of their intelligence regarding drug gangs. These include investigations done with state drug task forces, federal organized crime task forces, as well as with local city and country law enforcement agencies. Examples of some of the different types of criminal activity successfully prosecuted in each of the MGSF regions will be highlighted at the end of this report.

The following is a look at performance statistics for the MGSF for the years 1998 through 2001.

Arrests:	**1998**	**1999**	**2000**	**2001**
Northeast	107	209	150	144
Southeast	21	44	58	50
Metro	212	358	237	411
Central	55	78	128	91
Northwest	30	51	NA	NA
Southwest	NA	27	56	79
Total	**425**	**660**	**629**	**775**

Convictions:	**1998**	**1999**	**2000**	**2001**
Northeast	30	48	43	36
Southeast	--	25	3	7
Metro	70	148	77	124
Central	29	54	92	46
Northwest	--	10	NA	NA
Southwest	NA	13	39	40
Total	**129**	**298**	**254**	**253**

Pending Dispositions:			**2000**	**2001**
Northeast			84	87
Southeast			29	46
Metro			79	262
Central			36	41
Northwest			NA	NA
Southwest			17	39
Total			**245**	**477**

Search Warrants:	**1998**	**1999**	**2000**	**2001**
Northeast	42	34	42	40
Southeast	8	18	5	12
Metro	112	193	150	258
Central	32	25	52	28
Northwest	32	19	NA	NA
Southwest	NA	4	5	18
Total	**226**	**293**	**254**	**358**

Firearms Seized:	**1998**	**1999**	**2000**	**2001**
Northeast	57	14	4	32
Southeast	3	4	1	2
Metro	105	102	109	192
Central	21	4	8	3
Northwest	--	2	NA	NA
Southwest	NA	--	--	9
Total	**186**	**126**	**122**	**238**

Controlled Substances Seized:	**2001**
Northeast	4.33 pounds methamphetamine, 45.01 pounds marijuana, 12.9 grams crack cocaine, 17.3 grams cocaine
Southeast	13.5 grams marijuana, 4.4 ounces crack cocaine, 1.9 grams cocaine, .3 grams heroin
Metro	41.5 pounds methamphetamine, 84 pounds marijuana, 7.5 pounds crack cocaine, 4 pounds and 3 ounces cocaine, 45 grams opium, 1,045 Ecstasy tablets
Central	96.18 ounces methamphetamine, 13.9 ounces marijuana, 21.07 ounces cocaine
Southwest	32.4 grams methamphetamine, 224 grams marijuana, 17.4 grams cocaine, 50 LSD tabs

NOTE: The seized controlled substances are the result of investigations of criminal activity involving narcotics that were taking place by confirmed gang members. Most often these narcotic investigations were a combined effort of several law enforcement agencies working on a targeted gang's criminal activity. For example, most long term investigations were the results of Title III wire taps and surveillance done with local drug task forces and with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Federal Bureau Investigation (FBI) task forces. These investigations involve gangs in the state of Minnesota or gangs that are bringing their criminal activity into the state from other areas. Narcotic investigation is not the major emphasis of the MGSF as shown by the breakdown of crimes investigated by each Region on pages of this report.

MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE INVOLVEMENT/ COUNCILS OF COLOR

Minnesota Attorney General Mike Hatch continues to show his commitment to the Minnesota Gang Strike Force. His office goes beyond their statutory responsibility in assisting our anti-gang program.

Deputy Attorney General Pete Orput and Assistant Attorneys General Brent Wartner and Hilary Lindell Caligiuri have an on-site office at the Strike Force Metro regional office where they work with and advise the Strike Force officers. Brent's time is dedicated exclusively to the prosecution of gang crimes throughout the state.

Prosecutions

Over the course of the past year, our three prosecutors have handled gang cases in at least nine counties – Carver, Stearns, Nobles, Goodhue, Kandiyohi, Mower, Polk, Dakota and Hennepin. Those cases included:

- A 9-defendant homicide case in which members of the Latin Kings and Latin Queens shot and killed a Lao Boy in Chaska;
- The first joint trial of three defendants for a first-degree murder committed in Austin, resulting in two consecutive life sentences for each of the two defendants, and a 41-year sentence for the third defendant;
- A first-degree murder case against a 15-year-old Gangster Disciple;
- The first successful racketeering jury trial in state history, resulting in a 170-month sentence and a 134-month sentence for the two gang member defendants joined for trial;
- A two-defendant attempted murder for benefit of a gang case out of Worthington, in which the shooter shot the victim in the chest;
- The prosecution of an anti-government, white supremacist in Goodhue County for bringing an explosive device, filled with gunpowder and razor blades, to the courthouse;
- An aggravated robbery case that started with five defendants but increased to six after the DNA of an uncharged individual showed up in saliva samples from a ski mask used in the robberies (all were street gang members);
- The prosecution of four defendants in Willmar for a drive-by shooting, interrupted by a pretrial appeal to the Court of Appeals on the constitutionality of the gang crime statute;

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- A drive-by shooting involving two young Asian gangsters in Minneapolis;
- Led the investigation and prosecution of several members of the Supreme White Power prison gang for smuggling contraband into MCF-Stillwater; and
- Have been leading the investigation in Duluth into a multi-suspect gang case involving drug distribution and juvenile prostitution.

Training

Part of the Minnesota Gang Strike Force mission is to provide training to law enforcement and prosecutors throughout the state. Our MGSF prosecutors, over the course of the last year, have made numerous presentations to local community groups, conducted in-service training for Strike Force investigators, presented training on the gang crimes statute to officers around the state, organized a one-day course for state and local prosecutors on gang crime prosecution, spoke to a national law enforcement audience at the National Gang Crime Research Center Annual Conference in Chicago, taught gang investigations and prosecution to attorneys at the Minnesota Criminal Justice Institute, and taught prosecutors at several Minnesota County Attorney Association training conferences.

Legal Advice

Assistant Attorney General Hilary Lindell Caligiuri is the legal council to the Minnesota Criminal Gang Oversight Council. In that capacity, Hilary attends Oversight Council meetings and gives legal advice to the council as needed.

Community Liaison

Another part of the MGSF mission is to ensure the community receives information about plans, activities, and decisions of the MGSF. Assistant Attorney General Hilary Lindell Caligiuri also serves as a liaison between the Strike Force and the Councils of Color, which include the Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, the Council on Black Minnesotans, the Chicano Latino Affairs Council, and the Indian Affairs Council. Hilary schedules regular meetings with the Councils of Color, which are attended by Regional Commanders and staff from the Minnesota Attorney General's Office. Outside the framework of the regular meetings, the MGSF has also met with representatives of the various Councils when special issues arise.

MINNESOTA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE INVOLVEMENT/ COUNCILS OF COLOR cont.

Major issues that have been addressed by the Councils of Color include:

- What is a "confirmed gang member?" The ten point criteria were explained as well as explaining that our law enforcement efforts were geared to "criminal activity" not physical appearances of people.
- Racial statistics for persons entered in the Statewide Computer System.
- Identifying Gang Strike Force members, it was agreed that all members would carry MGSF ID cards and wear distinctive maroon and gold raid jackets during operations.
- The Minnesota Gang Strike Force has also met with representatives of the various Councils, throughout the state, when special issues arise. These are meetings outside the framework of the quarterly meetings.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE INVOLVEMENT

The US Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota, under the leadership of Thomas Heffelfinger, has been very helpful and committed to working with the Minnesota Gang Strike Force in helping to address violent gang crimes.

The MGSF participated in two Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) investigations in the year 2001. OCDETF investigations are so named because these investigations are multi-jurisdictional and complex at many levels. These investigations involve both state and federal law enforcement and are long term investigations that require a long-term commitment from law enforcement. The approval by the Justice Department to elevate an investigation to the OCDETF level is only given to investigations that meet specific criteria that establish the case as truly significant.

Significant details of these two investigations must be left out because of the ongoing nature of these investigations and federal Grand Jury secrecy requirements.

The MGSF, the Eagan Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms investigated, and prosecuted in federal court, a woman that had made multiple purchases of handguns that were then furnished to gang members who were ineligible to possess a firearm under federal and state laws. The woman purchased ten handguns, some of which were used in violent crimes such as a murder, aggravated assault, armed robbery and drug trafficking. A videotape of the woman making a firearm's purchase and receiving the money to make the purchase from a convicted, known felon, standing directly behind the woman, was used in the prosecution. These types of transactions are commonly referred to as "straw purchases" and violate federal law.

The MGSF and the Federal Bureau of Investigation continue efforts to locate Hopeton Brown. Brown is on the FBI's ten most wanted list. "America's Most Wanted" also featured Brown after he was indicted by a federal grand jury in 1999, with two other co-defendants, for: drug conspiracy, carrying a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime, murder in relation to a drug trafficking crime, and attempted murder of a witness. This was a "cold case" homicide adopted by the MGSF. Once adopted, the case was assigned to two lead investigators at the Strike Force, both veteran investigators, one from the St. Paul Police Department and the other from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Along with major investigations, the Metro region of the MGSF partnered with the U.S. Attorney's Office in producing a CD titled Student Pledge Against Gun Violence. The CD was sent to 750 public and private schools in the area and was used at a large rally at the Target Center. It is part of the "Day of National Concern". On this day, students talk about gun violence and organize pledge rallies where students sign pledges against gun violence.

THE MINNESOTA CRIMINAL GANG POINTER FILE

As part of its' original anti-gang initiative, the 1997 legislature directed that a statewide computer system be developed that could track gangs and the number of "*confirmed gang members*" in the state of Minnesota. This system, the Pointer File, has been a useful tool for law enforcement, officer safety, and the judiciary.

The BCA was originally given the task of creating the statewide system that is now currently operating out of the Metro region office in St. Paul. Julie Barrows, a Criminal Intelligence Analyst employed by the MGSF, is responsible for this operation.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 299C.091, subd.2, a law enforcement agency may submit data on an individual to the criminal gang investigative data system, the Pointer File, only if the agency obtains and maintains the following documentation:

a. That the individual is 14 years of age or older;
b. That the individual has been convicted of a gross misdemeanor or felony or has been adjudicated or has a stayed adjudication as a juvenile for an offense that would be a gross misdemeanor or felony if committed by an adult; and
c. That the individual has met at least three of the criteria or identifying characteristics of gang membership developed by the Criminal Gang Oversight Council.

The ten-point criteria developed by the Criminal Gang Oversight Council includes:

1. Admits gang membership or association.
2. Is observed to associate on a regular basis with known gang members.
3. Has tattoos indicating gang membership.
4. Wears gang symbols to identify with a specific gang.
5. Is in a photograph with known gang members and/or using gang-related hand signs.
6. Name is on a gang document, hit list, or gang related graffiti.
7. Is identified as a gang member by a reliable source.
8. Arrested in the company of identified gang members or associates.
9. Corresponds with known gang members or writes and/or receives correspondence about gang activities.
10. Writes about gang (graffiti) on walls, books and paper.

In an effort to maintain the success of the Pointer File, two audits were conducted in the year 2001 to ensure the accuracy of information that is contained in the database.

Five agencies were audited during 2001 regarding the documentation on file by doing a random sample of confirmed gang members. Ten percent, or a minimum of two gang member files, whichever was greater, was randomly selected from the agency's total number of entries in the year 2001. A letter explaining the audit process and an affidavit were sent to the outstate regional commanders. The commanders reviewed their own

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files for accuracy and completeness, signed the affidavit and returned it to the analyst at the MGSF. The analyst at the MGSF then reviewed the files at the Minnesota Department of Corrections and the Metro region. The results of the audit were encouraging. Out of the 13 files audited in the first half of 2001, 12 had the necessary documentation to support the record in the Pointer File. This is a 92% success rate. The remaining record was cancelled from the Pointer File. Out of the 20 files audited in the second half of 2001, all 20 had the necessary documentation. This is a 100% success rate! Overall, the results show that the Pointer File helps the MGSF succeed in one of its missions: to obtain information and intelligence regarding gang membership and related criminal activity and share that information with other law enforcement agencies in the state.

Currently, there are **1348 "confirmed gang members"** that have been entered into the Pointer File from throughout the state of Minnesota. A statistical breakdown for the year 2001 is as follows:

Race			**Gender**		
Indian	81	(6.00%)	Male	1331	(98.74%)
Asian	83	(6.16%)	Female	17	(1.26%)
Black	800	(59.35%)			
White	379	(28.12%)			
Unknown	5	(0.37%)			

NOTE:
There were 1,122 confirmed gang members in the Pointer File in 2000. This is an increase over 1999 by 203 gang members. In 2001, there were 1,348 gang members in the Pointer File. This is an increase over 2000 by 226 gang members. The following breakdown by race illustrates that the increase is fairly consistent across all racial groups.

1999		**2000**		**2001**	
Asian 67	(7.29%)	Asian 77	(6.86%)	Asian 83	(6.16%)
Black 536	(58.32%)	Black 672	(59.89%)	Black 800	(59.35%)
Indian 49	(5.33%)	Indian 67	(5.97%)	Indian 81	(6.0%)
White 265	(28.84%)	White 302	(26.92%)	White 379	(28.12%)
Unknown 2	(0.22%)	Unknown 4	(0.36%)	Unknown 5	(0.37%)

Total Number of Gang Names in the Gang Pointer File: 112

Using the criteria that has been previously discussed, it has been determined that at the end of 2001 there were **112** gangs that have been identified in the State of Minnesota that have, as members, at least one "confirmed gang member". The list that has been developed indicates the number of confirmed gang members in each gang as well as an indication of the race and/or ethnicity makeup of each gang.

THE MINNESOTA CRIMINAL GANG POINTER FILE cont.

Gang Definition

A gang is defined by Minnesota Statute.609.229 as:

1. An ongoing organization, association or group.
2. Including three or more persons.
3. Having a common name or common identifying symbol.
4. One of the primary activities of the gang is to commit crimes under Minn. Stat. 609.11 sub 9 (violent felony type crimes).
5. Includes members who individually or collectively engage in a pattern of criminal activity.

Obviously the numbers of confirmed gang members listed in the Gang Pointer File are not the total numbers of gang members living or operating in the state of Minnesota. Intelligence shows that there are many more gang members involved in criminal activity here. These are, however, the numbers generated to date using the model that was established in 1997 to keep track of and identify "confirmed gang members" in the state.

The following two pages is the list of gangs in the Pointer File and the location of the agency that entered the information into the system.

#	Gang Name	Race	Clay Co	Crookston	Duluth	Metro	Olmstead	Rice	St. Cloud	Willmar
1	210 Thugs	W				1				
9	4 Corner Hustlers	B			1	7			1	
1	26 Gangster Disciples	B				1				
1	52 Broadway Crips	B				1				
2	603 Crips	B				2				
7	612 Hardcore (Hmong)	A				7				
9	Almighty Vice Lord Nation	B				7			2	
3	Aryan Brotherhood	W				2			1	
1	Asian Blood (Hmong)	A				1				
4	Asian Crips (Hmong)	A				2			2	
1	Asian Love (Hmong)+A53	A				1				
4	Black Disciples	B							4	
6	Black Gangsters	B			4	2				
56	Black P Stones	B			9	37	2		8	
21	Bloods	M			2	10	7		2	
16	Bogus Boys Crew	B				16				
1	BPM (M/C)	W			1					
7	Brown for Life	H		3		4				
2	Cobras (Hmong)	A				2				
19	Conservative Vice Lords	B			3	15			1	
3	Crazy Ass Gangsters	B				3				
1	Crazy Bloods (Hmong)	A				1				
1	Crazy Brother Clan	A					1			
42	Crips	B	1		3	31	4	1	2	
14	Detroit Boys	B				14				
1	East Side 13	W						1		
5	East Side GS	W				5				
1	East Side Phoenix Crips	W	1							
2	El Forasteros (M/C)	W				2				
24	Family Mob	B				24				
1	Fresno Bulldogs	H						1		
381	Gangster Disciples	M			42	284	36		19	
2	GLOC (Hmong)	A				2				
12	Hell's Angels (M/C)	W			1	10	1			
8	Hell's Outcasts (M/C)	W				8				
2	HillTop Hustlers	B				2				
2	Hmong Pride (Hmong)+A64	A				2				
3	Hoover Deuce Crips	M	3							
4	Hound Boss Players	W							4	
1	Hustler Crips	M	1							
3	Imperial GD	M			1	2				
1	Insane Deuce	M			1					
1	Insane Gangster Disciples	M			1					
1	Insane Spanish Cobras	M				1				
21	Insane Vice Lords	B			11	8			2	
3	Jr Bloods (Hmong)	A					3			
2	Ku Klux Klan (Racists)	W				2				
5	Lao Boyz (Laotion)	A				5				
1	Lao Crip Boyz Laotion)	A							1	
1	Latin Counts	H				1				
3	Latin Gangster Disciples	H				3				
61	Latin Kings	H	1		7	26	4	1	3	19
1	Los Quientas Locas	H					1			
2	Los Valientes (M/C)	W				2				
1	M & M (Hmong)	A				1				
1	Mafia Insane Vice Lords	M			1					
1	Mara Salvatrucha	H				1				

#	Gang Name	Race	Clay Co	Crookston	Duluth	Metro	Olmstead	Rice	St. Cloud	Willmar
10	Master Players	W					10			
4	Masters of Destruction (Hmong)	A				4				
1	Mexican Mafia	H						1		
35	Mickey Cobras	B			2	21			12	
1	National Socialist Movement	W							1	
2	Native Gangster Disciples	I				2				
9	Native Mob	I			8	1				
14	Native Mob Vice Lords	I				14				
1	Native Rose	I			1					
1	New Youngster Kings	W					1			
12	Nike Mob	B				12				
2	Nortenos	H						2		
3	OMB (Hmong)	A				3				
2	Orchestra Albany	H			1	1				
1	Oriental Boys Society (Hmong)	A				1				
4	Oriental Ruthless Boyz (Hmong)	A				4				
1	Original Crip Disciples (Hmong)	A							1	
1	Piru Bloods (Cambodian)	A							1	
1	PJ Watts	B				1				
3	Posse (Hmong)	A				3				
17	Prison Motorcycle Brotherhood	W				17				
1	Purple Brothers (Hmong)	A				1				
6	Raymond Ave Crips	B				6				
15	Red Cambodian Bloods	A					15			
6	Rollin 30s Bloods	B				6				
1	Rollin 20s Crips	B							1	
1	Rollin 30s Crips	B			1					
45	Rollin 60s Crips	B				44			1	
4	Rollin 90s Crips	B				4				
5	Royal Cambodian Bloods	A				5				
1	Satans Disciples	H				1				
45	Shotgun Crips	B				45				
5	Six Mob Gangsters	B				5				
15	Skinheads (Racist)	W			2	11			2	
2	Skyline Piru Bloods (Cambodian)	A	2							
15	Sons of Silence (M/C)	W					15			
1	Southside Sur 13	H	1							
6	Surenos 13	H				5	1			
1	Texas Chicano Brotherhood	H				1				
1	Themadones	W				1				
2	Thunderbirds	W			2					
4	Tiny Man Crew (Hmong)	A				4				
1	Traveling Vice Lords	B				1				
1	Tre Deuce Clique	B				1				
1	Tri-City Bombers	H				1				
1	Unknown Vice Lords	B			1					
1	Vagos Motorcycle Gang	W			1					
174	Vice Lords	B			35	113	14		12	
1	Victoria Park Locos	H					1			
1	Vietnamese Crazy Boyz	A				1				
5	Villa Lobos	W	5							
17	West Side Crips	M								17
67	White Power (Racist)	W			14	46	6		1	
10	White Supremacist (Racist)	W				10				
5	White Tigers (Hmong)	A				5				
Total: 112 Gangs/1382 Members			15	3	156	959	122	7	84	36

THE MINNESOTA CRIMINAL GANG POINTER FILE cont.

Gang Pointer File Information Generated By Law Enforcement Inquiry

As law enforcement officers make routine traffic stops around the state, they will automatically be notified if they run a check on a "confirmed gang member" that is currently in the Gang Pointer File. This information is not only an officer safety warning but it also assists the Minnesota Gang Strike Force in tracking the movement of these "confirmed gang members" around the state. It is an interesting fact that during the year 2001 there were 4,709 hits indicating a confirmed gang member was stopped at some location by a law enforcement officer in the state of Minnesota. However, the total number of gang members in the system is only at 1348 confirmed gang members. It is obvious these gang members are very mobile, as they are involved in the criminal activity in the state of Minnesota.

As an officer in the field runs a check of an individual who is listed as a confirmed gang member in the Pointer File, he or she will receive the following information:

009522 BCJ324 FEB 02 2001 08:52:57 FEB 02 2001 08:53:17
****** WARNING – MINNESOTA CONFIRMED CRIMINAL GANG MEMBER ******
THIS INFORMATION ALONE DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE DETENTION, SEARCH OR ARREST OF ANY INDIVIDUAL OR THE SEARCH OF ANY VEHICLE OR DWELLING
SCR/100. ORI/MNO621800. NAM/XXXXX CHARLES LAMONT. MIN/41943
DOB/19770210. SEX/M. RAC/B. HGT/600. WGT/212. EYE/BRO. HAI/BLK. DOE/20000926.
MNK/MONSTER. FBI/298864AB5.
OCA/MGSFMETRO. EOR/1,2,8.
CVS/FE. SID/MN95013413.
GNG/FAMILY MOB. SGP/NON KNOWN.
POC/MGSF METRO 651-917-4800. 19981124.
MIS/CONFIRMED CRIMINAL GANG MEMBER CONVICTED OF NARCOTICS 2 AND WEAPON VIOLATION REMOVAL SERIAL NUMBER, USE CAUTION.

When the officer runs a check, it then generates the following information back to the Metro region indicating where and when the gang member was stopped and which agency was involved in the stop:

TO: GSF-01592 Tue FEB 02, 2001 08:52:57 CZQDOLZMKRJ8
FROM: QDRQDW Tue FEB 02, 2001 08:53:17
MINNESOTA CRIMINAL GANG POINTER FILE NOTIFICAITON OF INQUIRY
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THE FOLLOWING GANG MEMBER YOUR AGENCY ENTERED INTO THE MINNESOTA CRIMINAL GANG POINTER FILE HAS BEEN INQUIRED UPON
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NAM/LAMONT< CHARLES DOB/19770210 MIN/109863.
INQUIRED UPON BY ORI/MN00200C1
*
YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS NOTIFICATION BECAUSE UPON ENTRY OF THE ABOVE INDIVIDUAL. THE NOA (NOTIFY OF ALL HITS) INDICATOR WAS TURNED ON. MARKED "Y".

HISTORY OF THE MINNESOTA GANG STRIKE FORCE

In 1997, the Legislature originally funded a two-year multi-agency anti-gang initiative. The 2000 Legislature again refunded this initiative for another 18 months. Then in 2001, the Legislature funded the Minnesota Gang Strike Force in order to continue its anti-gang program through the 2002-2003 fiscal years. Also in 2001, a base was created in the MGSF budget in order to fund the program into the 2004-2005 fiscal years.

The original law also created an advisory council that was in charge of creating a statewide law enforcement strike force to deal with the increasing violence that gang crimes were inflicting on the citizens of Minnesota. That advisory group was named the Criminal Gang Oversight Council.

The Council currently includes the following members and their designees:

Public Safety Commissioner – Charlie Weaver
Commissioner of Corrections – Sheryl Ramstad Hvass
Superintendent of the BCA – Michael Campion
Minnesota Attorney General – Mike Hatch
Ramsey County Sheriff – Bob Fletcher
Chief of Police of the St. Paul Police Department – William Finney
Chief of Police of the Minneapolis Police Department – Robert Olson (current Chair)
A Representative of the MN Sheriff's Assn. (metro) – Jim Frank (Washington County)
A Representative of the MN Sheriff's Assn. (outstate) – Jim McMahon (Benton County)
St. Cloud Police Chief – Dennis Ballantine
Duluth Police Chief – Scott Lyons
St. Louis County Sheriff – Rick Wahlberg
Olmstead County Sheriff – Steve Borchardt
A Representative of the MN Chief's of Police Assn. – Gary Smith (Northfield)
Hennepin County Sheriff – Pat McGowan

The Criminal Gang Oversight Council is the administrative body that ultimately directs the Minnesota Gang Strike Force. The Council selected Ron Ryan, a St. Paul Police Commander, to be the Statewide Commander. Six separate regions were originally created covering the state with investigators concentrating on fighting gang-related crime. There were originally 70 employees assigned to the MGSF throughout the state. The largest group was the Metro region, which employed 40 people.

Currently there are five regions in the state with 50 employees assigned throughout the state. There are 35 people assigned to the Metro region.

FUNDING INFORMATION

Originally an agency was eligible for up to 75% reimbursement of an officer's salary and benefits for a maximum of four officers. Additional officers may be part of the Strike Force, however, reimbursement would be for overtime costs only, not to exceed $8,400 annually per officer.

Local agencies must hire other officers to replace the officers assigned to the Strike Force and agree to a two-year commitment to the project.

Some local agencies, not members of the MGSF, were awarded grants for expanding local capacity for investigating gang activity. These were awarded after the agencies submitted a detailed plan to the Oversight Council.

In order to create a region within the Minnesota Gang Strike Force, at least three separate agencies had to band together in forming a partnership region.

The legislature originally allotted $6.5 million for startup of the two-year program. $5,449,000.00 was the amount budgeted for operating the MGSF for 1998 and 1999. The remaining monies were for startup costs, grants for expanding local capacity, and establishing a computerized statewide system of "confirmed" gang members, the Criminal Gang Pointer File.

During the past 2001 Legislative session, the operating budget for the MGSF was reduced to $4,690,00.00. Therefore, agencies contributing reimbursement officers received noticeably less grant money for fiscal years 2002-2003.

NOTE: Agencies who receive grants to send officers to their regional strike forces also remain financially involved in the day to day operations. For example, each officer arrives with his or her basic law enforcement tools. If an officer, who is a reimbursement officer, works overtime he or she is paid by their home agency. Fuel for the vehicles is also paid for by the local agencies. Some of the larger departments are able to contribute more. For example, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department has been giving computer system support, upgrading and repairing of equipment. The St. Paul Police Department has contributed an extra-unmarked squad that is used during street level operations. The Minneapolis Police Department accepts no reimbursement grants, and pays the salaries and benefits for all of their eight officers assigned. They are reimbursed only for the overtime their officers work, not to exceed $8,400 per person per year. Smaller communities, such as Marshall, who find it difficult to pay the required support of the investigators assigned, actually accept money from neighboring communities so they can have an active MGSF investigator working on gang crimes in their area.

These examples show that Minnesota's strategy to combat the criminal activities caused by gangs is truly a cooperative effort by law enforcement agencies throughout the state of Minnesota.

A REVIEW OF SOME SELECTED INVESTIGATIONS BY REGION

The following are selected summaries of completed investigations. It is not meant to be a complete list of MGSF investigations, these are examples from each of the regions as to the types of investigations and types of illegal activities being committed by the different criminal gangs in their areas.

Metro Region

Homicide

On 8/7/01, MGSF was notified of a shooting/homicide near the intersection of Minnehaha and Beech in St. Paul. Officers on scene dispatched information that two 612/ORB (Oriental Ruthless Boys) were suspects in the shooting and that they were seen leaving the area in CSC-868, a white Acura Integra. Upon hearing this information, MGSF investigators immediately went to a known 612/ORB residence at 688 East 3rd Street in St. Paul. Upon checking this address, investigators found the suspect vehicle in the alley at the rear of the residence. While watching for the SPPD Critical Incident Response Team, several suspects began emerging from the residence and were taken into custody by the MGSF investigators. Once the SPPD Critical Incident Response Team arrived, entry was made into the residence where an additional suspect was taken into custody while hiding underneath the staircase. A subsequent search warrant on the suspect vehicle revealed the gun used in the homicide.

Later, MGSF investigators were asked to assist in locating another suspect in this homicide. The suspect, who gave a Brooklyn Park address and phone number, was no longer living in the area. MGSF investigators were able to convince the suspect's uncle in providing a possible phone number where the suspect was. After cross-referencing the phone number, MGSF investigators were able to obtain an address of 890 Forest 1B, St. Paul, where the suspect was eventually located and arrested.

The shooter in this case eventually pled guilty to homicide and the driver is currently awaiting trial.

Attempted Murder

On 6/4/01, Minneapolis PD requested assistance on a gang shooting where a 16 YOA Asian male was shot twice in the chest. The victim subsequently lived after operations removing his spleen and half his lung. MPD and MGSF arrested and interviewed several OMB (Oroville Mono Boys) who are Asian gang members, as suspects. MGSF and MPD presented the case to the Hennepin County Attorney's office where it charged five OMB gang members. Tong Moua was convicted of Attempted Murder in the 2nd degree and Crime to Benefit a Gang. Four additional OMB gang members were convicted of Assault in the 2nd Degree and Crime to Benefit a Gang.

Homicide

In July of this past year, a group of Hispanic gang members and a group of Asian gang members got into a verbal argument in a SuperAmerica station in Chaska. After a

session of "posturing" and flashing of hand gang signs a fight started. The Asian gang members, who are Lao Boys, hit one of the Hispanic gang members, who are Latin Kings, in the head with a brick and fled to a trailer park in Chaska.

Later, two carloads of Latin King and Latin Queen gang members arrived at the residence where the Lao Boys had gone. The Kings started breaking windows in the house in an attempt to get the Lao Boys. The gang members came out of the house throwing knives at the Kings who had guns. One of the Lao Boys was shot and killed.

MGSF investigators assisted with this investigation and our Attorneys from the Attorney General's office handled this successful 9-defendant homicide case.

Burglary / Robbery / Gang Rapes
During the summers of 2000 and 2001, MGSF investigators have been investigating the Asian gang TMC (Tiny Man Crew). The TMC have been linked to at least 20+ burglaries, 4-armed robberies, and 3+ gang rapes. The crimes of the TMC have taken MGSF investigators to Chisago County, Anoka County, Dakota County, Ramsey County, Washington County, St. Croix County, WI, and Pierce County, WI.

This year and a half investigation has resulted in the charging and conviction of six TMC gang members totaling approximately 670 months in prison. This investigation continues and charges are expected on at least six more TMC gang members.

- Ka "Mafia" Her pled guilty to CSC I for the benefit of a gang, aggravated robbery and burglary for 108 months in prison.
- Jay "Boo Boo" Vang pled guilty to CSC I for the benefit of a gang for 98 months in prison.
- Da Neng "Grasshopper" Vang pled guilty to CSC I for the benefit of a gang for 98 months in prison.
- Bee Chue Chang pled guilty aggravated robbery and burglary for the benefit of a gang for 18 months juvenile/108 months adult probation.
- Vang Xai Yang pled guilty to CSC III for the benefit of a gang for 60 months in prison.
- Yeng "Bone" Vang pled guilty to CSC I (3 counts) and burglary for the benefit of a gang for 198 months in prison.

Weapons Charges
St. Paul Police referred this case to the MGSF because the suspect was a self admitted "Panzerfaust Skinhead". The suspect was arrested near his home in St. Paul after the St. Paul Police received a call of shots fired. At the time the suspect was arrested, he had a SKS assault rifle slung over his shoulder and a fully loaded .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun in his waistband. It should be noted the suspect is only seventeen years old. Several interviews with the suspect at the Ramsey Juvenile Detention Center were conducted. As a result of the interviews, investigators received a tremendous amount of intelligence information on Skinheads and other White Supremacist threat groups in the

metro area. In addition, it was learned that the suspect had purchased at least two handguns from a man at the gun show at the River Center in St. Paul.

Investigators were eventually able to trace the .45 caliber handgun back to the man selling the guns. Investigators executed a search warrant on the man at his St. Paul home, and recovered 39 handguns and one AR-15 assault rifle.

Subsequently, the original suspect was certified as an adult and pled guilty to the weapons charge. Federal and state charges are being considered on the suspect selling the weapons.

Northeast Region

RICO Case

This ongoing investigation continues on a Gangster Disciple gang leader. It involves drugs, weapons, money laundering, and prostitution. Investigators have successfully charged this person for assaulting a rival gang member by shooting at him with a SKS assault rifle and two charges of sexual assault on another investigation. The case is pending.

Homicide

Investigators assisted the Duluth PD with an investigation of a homicide involving a BPM Motorcycle gang member. A person was reported missing from a local outlaw motorcycle gang clubhouse. Two gang members went out to fight and only one returned. The victim has never been found but after an extensive investigation by the MGSF, a suspect has been charged with 2nd degree homicide.

Narcotics

Due to an extreme increase in the sale of crack cocaine in the city of Duluth this fall, MGSF investigators from the region agreed to team-up with the Duluth Police Department SIU in an attempt to address the crack cocaine trade in the city. With extensive use of confidential informants who agreed to testify, they arrested twenty-one suspects. Eight of the suspects are confirmed criminal gang members in the state of Minnesota.

Southeast Region

Drive-By Shootings

MGSF investigators have regularly assisted the Rochester Police in an investigation of a drive by shooting that occurred in the city of Rochester. The victims and the suspects are Asian gang members who have an ongoing conflict. The victims are Blood gang members and the suspects are Crazy Ruthless Khmer Crip gang members.

White Supremacist Terrorist

Investigators assisted the FBI and the Minnesota State Patrol with an anti-government/Sovereign Nation member arrested at the Goodhue County Law Enforcement Center. At the time of the arrest, the subject had a pipe bomb loaded with gunpowder and razor blades and a loaded handgun in his possession. MGSF

investigators are continuing to assist and monitor the subjects' contacts while he is in custody at the Goodhue County Jail. Our attorneys from the Attorney General's office are prosecuting this case.

Assault / Theft
Investigators investigated an assault/theft that occurred in the city of Rochester and involved members of the Bloods street gang as suspects. As a result of this investigation, several Asian Blood gang members were charged with 3rd degree assault, riot and theft. This is an ongoing problem of rival gangs and their turf wars.

Central Region
Homicide
Investigators continued to work throughout 2001 on the murder of a Gangster Disciple gang member that occurred in St. Cloud late in the year 2000. They have recovered the murder weapon, a 9mm pistol, and are confident the two persons responsible for the homicide have been identified. They are rival Black P Stone gang members. Investigators hope the two will be indicted in the near future.

RICO Case
Central investigators have completed the first successful racketeering case in history that went to trial in the state court. Assistant Attorney's General Caligiuri and Wartner prosecuted the case.

The eleven defendants were Mickey Cobra and Black P Stone gang members who setup a crack cocaine distribution operation in Central Minnesota from their home base in Chicago.

This RICO case (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) included over two years of investigation. Some of the defendants had fled the area and Central investigators actually traveled the Chicago area to arrest the suspects.

In March, the first two defendants of the eleven-defendant RICO case were found guilty after a month-long trial on the counts including 1st degree drug charges, racketeering, and crimes committed for the benefit of a gang. To date, seven of the defendants have either pled guilty or have been adjudicated guilty.

Narcotics
In December, Central region investigators arrested six Hispanics with ties to Brown for Life gang members on drug charges. Investigators executed seven search warrants and seized 6 pounds of methamphetamine, ¾ pound of cocaine, four motor vehicles, and $11,000 in U.S. currency.

Southwest Region

Attempted Homicide

In April of 2001, there was a shooting incident at the Expo Inn in Worthington. The shooting was over a Pit Bull dog, which was stolen. The suspects in the case were Loa Boys and the victim was associated with the OLTs. The victim was shot once in the chest with a 380-cal. weapon. A 380-cal. casing was located at the scene of the shooting.

Many witnesses were interviewed and they admitted that this was a gang-related crime. Once the identity of the shooter was determined, officers went to a house in Worthington and located the suspect in the attic. During a pat down, the suspect had several gang related photographs in his pocket. A second person that was believed to be involved in this case was located by the State Patrol and he willingly went to the police department and gave a statement. After his statement, the male was arrested. The shooter in this case gave a statement and admitted shooting the victim. He willingly told investigators where he put the gun that was used in the assault. Search warrants were drawn up and served and a 380-cal. weapon was recovered. Also recovered in the search warrants were numerous gang-related photographs, clothing and other gang drawings. Booking photos showed Loa Boy tattoos on each of the suspects. The AG's office prosecuted the suspects with crimes committed for the benefit of a gang. The suspect was sentenced to 135 months and he had to testify against the other members involved.

Assault

Investigators arrested a West Side gang member in Marshall for a 3rd degree assault, which happened in Granite Falls, MN. The suspect in this case tried to cut off the fingers of another male and then fled the scene. A female was arrested who was the driver of the fleeing vehicle. A search warrant was drawn up and served. The suspect was located and arrested. Another West Side gang member was located in the apartment and he had outstanding warrants. During the search, narcotics and paraphernalia were located. He received 15 months in jail, with a $2000 fine and three years of probation.

Out of State Homicide

In August of this past year, a Hispanic gang member (Sureno 13) living in the Worthington area was arrested on a warrant for a murder in Fresno, CA. MGSF investigators had been working with Fresno detectives in locating the suspect and conducting interviews with people who knew the suspect, here in Minnesota, after he was returned to California.